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1. SUMMARY: THE COMMISSION IS ASKING THE EC COUNCIL FOR
AUTHORITY TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND EGYPT,
JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON. THE AGREEMENTS WOULD COVER TRADE,
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATIONS, FINANCIAL COOPERATION,
MIGRANT LABOR AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES, ALONG THE LINES OF
THE MAGHREB ACCORDS NOW BEING CONCLUDED. THE COMMISSION HAS
ALSO REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE A SUPPLEMENTARY
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PROTOCOL WITH ISRAEL COVERING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CO-

OPERATION. TALKS WITH THE MAGHREB WILL RESUME IN MID-MARCH. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MISSION HAS OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY (AND SENT TO EUR/RPE) THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE NEXT PHASE IN THE COMMUNITY'S "GLOBAL APPROACH" TO THE MEDITERRANEAN--AGREEMENTS WITH THE "MASHRAQ" COUNTRIES: EGYPT, JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN APRIL WILL HOLD A PRELIMINARY "ORIENTATION SESSION", BASED ON THIS DOCUMENT, CONCERNING THIS NEXT PHASE IN EC/MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS.

3. EC/MASHRAQ: THE COMMISSION'S DOCUMENT PROVIDES BACKGROUND ON WHAT THE FOUR "MASHRAQ" COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEY ARE INTERESTED IN---DUTY-FREE ENTRY TO THE EC FOR ALL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS; AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS; FINANCIAL COOPERATION; MIGRANT LABOR PROVISIONS; AND AN INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM TO KEEP THINGS MOVING ALONG. THE COMMISSION NOTES THE ADVANTAGES TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACCEPTING THIS GENERAL OUTLINE, PROVIDED CERTAIN PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED, SUCH AS EQUITABLE TREATMENT FOR INVESTMENTS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION (I.E. GUARANTEES AGAINST BOYCOTTING AS WITH THE MAGHREB DRAFTS AND THE PRESENT EC/EGYPT AGREEMENT), AND PROVIDED CARE IS TAKEN NOT TO NEGOTIATE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ISRAEL. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, WOULD COME FROM BANK SOURCES (PRESUMABLY THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK), PERHAPS WITH SOME INTEREST RATE SUBSIDY. A JOINT COOPERATION BODY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL COULD MEET WHENEVER NECESSARY AND ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITATING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM EGYPT, JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON. FINALLY THE COMMISSION NOTES EGYPT'S STRONG REQUEST THAT AN EC OFFICE BE OPENED IN CAIRO AND SUGGESTS THAT AN ANSWER, PREFERABLY FAVORABLE, BE MADE SOON.

4. EC/ISRAEL: THE COMMISSION DOCUMENT ALSO CONTAINS DRAFT NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT, TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COVER ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION. ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD INCLUDE A VARIETY OF SCHEMES--INFORMATION EXCHANGE, DIVERSIFICATION OF ISRAELI ECONOMIC STRUCTURE, TRADE PROMOTION MEASURES (IN BOTH ISRAELI AND EC MARKETS), INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION SCHEMES TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN EC AND ISRAELI FIRMS, EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY, PROMOTION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND MANPOWER TRAINING. FINANCIAL COOPERATION WILL HAVE A 5-YEAR DURATION AND IS

DESIGNED TO BALANCE THE ISRAELI ACCORD WITH THOSE OF THE
MAGHREB (AND SOON THE MASHRAQ) COUNTRIES. FINALLY, THE
SUPPLEMENTARY ISRAELI PROTOCOL WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR AN
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM--A JOINT COOPERATION BODY ALONG
THE LINES OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE MASHRAQ.

5. EC/MAGHREB: WHAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE THE FINAL DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH AND
APRIL AS FOLLOWS: MOROCCO--MARCH 17-18, TUNISIA--MARCH 19-20;
AND ALGERIA--APRIL 7-8. ASSUMING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON
THE FEW REMAINING ISSUES, COMMISSION AND PERDEL SOURCES HOPE
TO BE ABLE TO INITIAL WITH THE MAGHREB BY MID-APRIL. MYERSON

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